

**SCHOOL TESTING SPECIALISTS**

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Stephen E. Sandstrom**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This bill provides money for school testing specialists to allow teachers to have more time for instruction.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ directs the Legislature, subject to future budget constraints, to annually appropriate money to the State Board of Education for school testing specialists to allow teachers to have more time for instruction; and
- ▶ requires the State Board of Education to:
  - adopt a formula for the distribution of money appropriated for school testing specialists; and
  - make rules specifying how money for school testing specialists may be used and requiring reporting of monies spent.

**Monies Appropriated in this Bill:**

This bill appropriates:

- ▶ as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$3,600,000 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2008-09 to the State Board of Education.

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2008.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**53A-17a-154**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **53A-17a-154** is enacted to read:

**53A-17a-154. Appropriation for testing specialists.**

(1) As used in this section, "testing specialist" means a school employee who:

(a) works under the supervision of a teacher, counselor, or administrator; and

(b) (i) administers standardized, district-created, or teacher-created tests; and

(ii) performs related duties.

(2) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature shall annually appropriate money to the State Board of Education for testing specialists to administer tests to students so that teachers have more time for instruction.

(3) (a) The State Board of Education shall distribute money appropriated for testing specialists to school districts and charter schools in accordance with a formula adopted by the board, in consultation with school districts and charter schools, that allocates the money in a fair and equitable manner.

(b) In allocating money for testing specialists, priority shall be given to elementary schools.

(4) A school district or charter school may not use money received under Subsection (3) to supplant funds used for teachers' assistants.

(5) The State Board of Education shall make rules in accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, that:

(a) specifies how monies distributed for testing specialists may be used; and

(b) requires a school district or charter school to report how money received under Subsection (3) was used.

**Section 2. Appropriation.**

As an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, there is appropriated from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2008-09, \$3,600,000 to the State Board of Education for testing specialists as provided in Section 53A-17a-154.

**Section 3. Effective date.**

59           This bill takes effect on July 1, 2008.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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## H.B. 214 - School Testing Specialists

### Fiscal Note

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#### State Impact

Enactment of this bill will appropriate \$3,600,000 ongoing from the Uniform School Fund to the State Board of Education for testing specialists.

	<b>FY 2008</b> <b><u>Approp.</u></b>	<b>FY 2009</b> <b><u>Approp.</u></b>	<b>FY 2010</b> <b><u>Approp.</u></b>	<b>FY 2008</b> <b><u>Revenue</u></b>	<b>FY 2009</b> <b><u>Revenue</u></b>	<b>FY 2010</b> <b><u>Revenue</u></b>
Uniform School Fund	\$0	\$3,600,000	\$3,600,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,600,000</b>	<b>\$3,600,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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#### Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs for individuals, businesses, or local governments.